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The Devils are enjoying a rebound season and a big reason for that is the play of left winger Patrik Elias. One of the quieter superstars in the league, Elias continues to get it done at the age of 35. With 55 points in 57 games, one could argue that this has been Elias' most impressive season to date.

The Devils have some high powered offensive talents like Ilya Kovalchuk and Zach Parise that Elias has the benefit of playing with on the power play. Elias is averaging 3:35 seconds of power play time per game, so it's no surprise he has some solid production in that area.

Power Play Line Combinations

Forensics - Patrik Elias Written by Michael Amato Tuesday, 21 February 2012 19:42 - Last Updated Wednesday, 22 February 2012 10:05 Freq **Line Combination** 76.2% CLARKSON,D - ELIAS,P - KOVALCHUK,I - PARISE,Z 7.7% KOVALCHUK, I - SYKORA, P - ZUBRUS, D ELIAS,P -6.2%

ELIAS,P - PARISE,Z - SYKORA,P - ZUBRUS,D

KOVALCHUK,I - PARISE,Z

5%

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ELIAS,P -

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CLARKSON,D - ELIAS,P - PARISE,Z **Power Play Line Production Pnts** %Total **Line Combination** 16 84.2% CLARKSON,D - ELIAS,P - KOVALCHUK,I - PARISE,Z 1 5.3%

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ELIAS,P - KOVALCHUK,I - PARISE,Z

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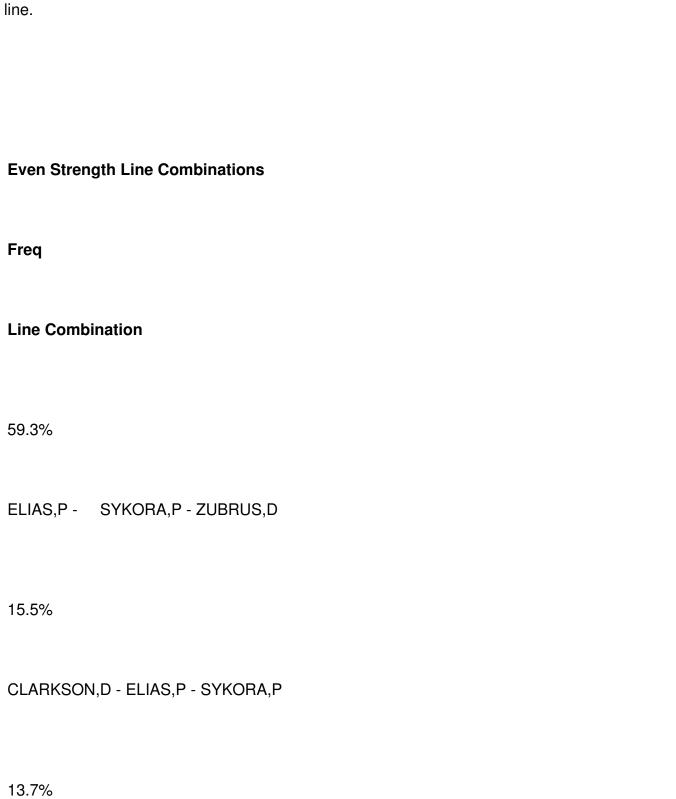
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ELIAS,P - KOVALCHUK,I - SYKORA,P - ZUBRUS,D

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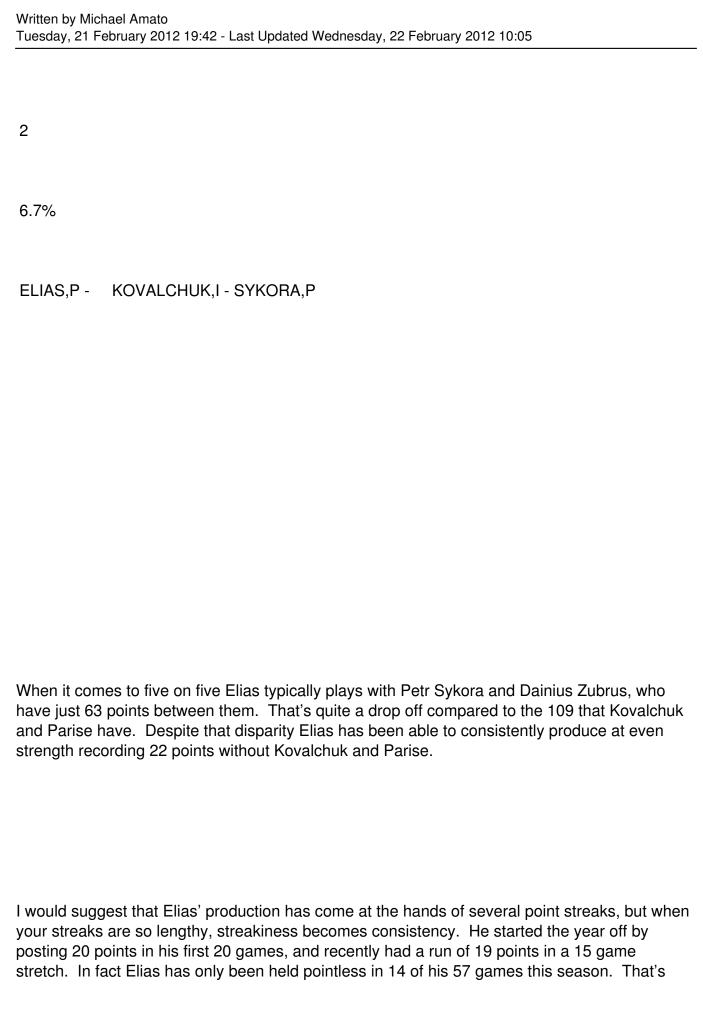
You can see 19 of his 55 points have come with the man advantage, but he doesn't have the luxury of playing with Kovalchuk and Parise at even strength. Instead the Czech native plays on the Devils second line to help balance out the offensive attack, as opposed to stacking a top line.



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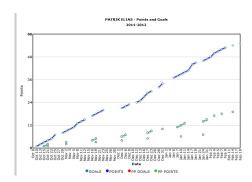
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death and taxes consistent.



The above chart gives a better illustration of how reliable Elias has been, but how does he compare with the rest of the NHL's elite? Here is a chart from Frozen Pool that breaks down points per game, games played with a point, and average number of games played with points.

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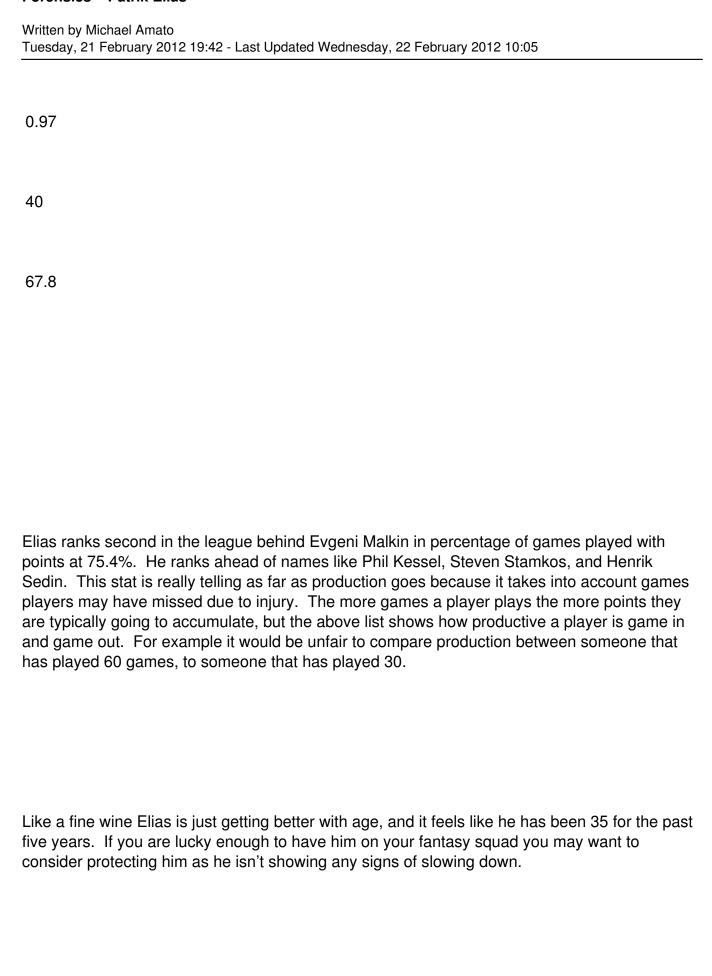
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